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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, in the above-identified application, for which a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, along with payment of the appropriate fee, is attached, making reply due on or before December 27, 2002.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees necessary for the continued pendency of the above-identified application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 22-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gleichenhagen et al (newly cited) in view of Tipton et al and/or Modak et al.